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SUBJ: JORDAN REFUTES AL FAJR ALLEGATIONS

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MININFORMATION ABU ODEH APPEARED ON JORDAN TV EVENING
APRIL 17 TO DELIVER LENGTHY AND CATEGORICAL DENIAL OF
ALLEGATIONS IN JERUSALEM'S AL- FAJR THAT BEIRUT RAID IN-
VOLVED COOPERATION BETWEEN JORDANIAN AND ISRAELI INTELLI-
GENCE. ABU ODEH SAID REPORT NOT ONLY UNTRUE, BUT AL FAJR
IN FACT RUN BY ISRAELI INTELLIGENCE. REPORT THUS PSYCO-
LOGICAL WARFARE DEVICE TO DEEPEN ESTRANGEMENT AMONG ARABS.
CLAIMED THAT AL FAJR ESTABLISHED FOR " SPECIAL
LIMITED MOTIVES" APRIL 1972 WHEN AMERICAN NAMED YUSIF NASR,
WHOSE REAL NAME IS JOE NASR, ARRIVED FROM US. HE APPOINTED
AS MANAGING EDITOR JAMIL HAMAD, WHO WELL KNOWN FOR CLOSE
DEALINGS WITH ISRAELIS. ISRAELI- DICTATED POLICY OF PAPER
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IS TO SHAKE CONFIDENCE AND LOOSEN TIES BETWEEN WEST AND EAST BANK. ACCORDINGLY, IT CREATES FANTASTIC STORIES ABOUT GOJ AND FALSELY LINKS AMMAN WITH EVENTS ELSEWHERE IN ARAB WORLD. PAPER ORDERED TO MAKE ACCUSATIONS AGAINST JORDAN BECAUSE DEATH OF THREE FEDAYEEN LEADERS IN BEIRUT ESPECIALLY ANGUISHING TO WEST BANKERS. TO MAKE LIE APPEAR AS FACT, ISREALIS THEN ARRESTED BOTH EDITOR AND PUBLISHER TO MAKE WEST BANKERS BELIEVE THAT THEY IN CUSTODY FOR HAVING " UNCOVERED" JORDAN- ISRAELI PLAN. IN ABSENCE THIS ARREST, PUBLIC WOULD NOT HAVE BELIEVED STORY SINCE JAMIL HAMAD WELL KNOWN FOR HIS ISREALI CONNECTIONS. ABU ODEH ADDED THAT BEIRUT' S AL MUHARRIR BELIEVED STORY AND REPRINTED IT; LATTER PAPER UNFORTUNATELY DUPED. ISRAELIS ALWAYS RELY ON ARABS TO CIRCULATE PSYCHOLOGICAL WAREFARE RUMORS DETRIMENTAL TO THEMSELVES. HE CHIDED FEDAYEEN FOR NOT BEING ALERT TO ISRAELI TACTICS AND FOR NOT SEEING THROUGH AL- FAJR PLOT. ABU ODAH NOTED THAT AL- FAJR PUBLISHED BY SAME COMPANY AS ISRAELI- WRITTEN AL ANBA' I. E. THE JERUSALEM POST. DECLAS 4/16/74. BROWN UNQUOTE PORTER

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